



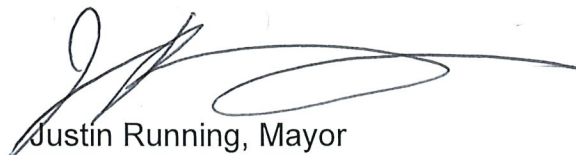
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Statement from the Mayor's Office, City of Viroqua, WI

As the Mayor of Viroqua, I swore an oath to fulfill the responsibilities of my position. Among those is my responsibility to hold the Viroqua Police Chief accountable for their actions and performance within their role. Based on the facts presented to me as a result of a months-long external investigation by an experienced and knowledgeable former police chief, I made the decision to file disciplinary charges with the Viroqua Police and Fire Commission.

Within their roles and responsibilities, the members of the Commission reviewed the facts presented at the public hearing and ended with a different outcome. I respect their role and authority on the matter as well as the prescribed process for resolving these difficult situations. The issues brought forward to me have been addressed in a fair, timely and appropriate manner. I look forward to working collaboratively with Chief Niedfeldt and the entire Viroqua Police Department to ensure a high standard of public safety services built on community, trust, and public confidence.



Justin Running, Mayor
City of Viroqua